Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 04 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Saturday 05 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 03 Dec 2020 at 17:28 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for very poor conditions to start on Friday, but lower for improvements in the afternoon. Moderate for details over the weekend. Confidence falling to low on Monday.

Headline for Friday 04 Dec 2020: Snow, turning to rain at low levels, in the morning. Drier in the afternoon. Cold with summit gales.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 04 Dec 2020

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Low Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Light snow	Heavy snow	Light snow	Light snow	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
<05%	50%	80%	60%	30%	20%	20%	20%

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Weather: Thickening cloud and snow spreads west through the early hours, turning heavy for a time, with summit gales giving blizzard conditions. This continuing into the morning, but turning to rain below 800m by mid-morning. Becoming drier towards midday. A largely dry afternoon and evening with just a little patchy rain and summit snow across eastern ranges. Some bright or sunny spells possible across Argyll, but summit gales persisting.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Generally nil, cloud extensive throughout the day above 400-500m, often to lower slopes in the east. But 30-40% across Argyll and the southern end of Loch Linnhe in the afternoon and evening with cloud break at times.

Visibility: Very poor in low cloud during the morning. Near zero on the tops in blizzards and whiteout conditions. Becoming very good in the west below the cloud base.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	27/33 NE	40/49 NE	51/63 NE	49/60 NE	42/53 NE	42/52 NE	46/58 NE	46/59 NE	37/48 NE
900	20/25 NE	25/33 NE	28/37 NE	26/35 NE	26/34 NE	26/35 NE	28/39 NE	30/41 NE	24/34 NE
600	25/29 NE	27/34 NE	30/40 NE	33/42 NE	30/38 NE	28/37 NE	33/43 NE	32/43 NE	25/34 NE
300	12/17 N	14/19 N	19/26 N	20/28 NE	18/26 NE	15/23 NE	17/27 N	19/30 NE	15/25 NE
Glen	6/12 NE	5/12 N	13/28 N	13/28 N	13/27 N	13/27 N	15/31 N	16/32 NE	10/23 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-6/-15	-6/-18	-6/-18	-4/-16	-4/-14	-3/-13	-3/-13	-4/-14	-3/-13
900	-6/-14	-5/-14	-4/-12	-3/-11	-2/-10	-1/-9	-1/-8	-1/-9	-1/-8
600	-3/-11	-2/-10	-1/-10	-1/-9	0/-7	1/-6	2/-6	1/-6	1/-6
300	-2/-7	-1/-6	-0/-6	1/-5	2/-3	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2	3/-2
Glen	-1/-4	0/-3	2/-2	3/-2	4/0	5/1	5/1	5/1	5/1
Freezing Level*	00m	00m	400m	800m	900m	1000m	1200m	900m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Severe gales across the tops. Poorest conditions in the morning, with blizzards and whiteouts giving serious mountain conditions.

Forecast for Saturday 05 Dec 2020

Weather: A mainly dry day, although some rain, snow above 600m possible across eastern Lochaber at first. Rather cloudy across eastern ranges, but sunny spells in the west.

Maximum wind: Northeast 25 gusting 30-35 mph, easing to 15-20 gusting 25 mph in the afternoon.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40-50% across eastern ranges, broken cloud around 600m, occasionally lifting. 70-80% near the west coast with cloud well broken and often above the summits.

Visibility: Very good, but poor in low cloud in the east.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 Celsius rising to plus 2 Celsius.
At 800m: 0 Celsius.
Freezing level: 800m rising to 1000m in the evening.

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